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1. PAKISTAN HAS REQUESTED IN LETTER DATED 18 AUG 1974
INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ON 29TH GA AGENDA ENTITLED
"DECLARATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN
SOUTH ASIA."
2. TEXT OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS:
"1. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE
AND URGENCY OF ACTING ON THE RECOMMENDATIIONS OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CONFERENCE
OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES IN REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.
SUCH ZONES HAVE BEEN CREATED IN LATIN AMERICA AND ANTARCTICA.
RECENTLY HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAHANSHAH OF IRAN
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HAS REVISED HIS PROPOSAL FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN THE

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MIDDLE EAST.
2. ON 28 NOVEMBER 1972, WHILE INAUGURATING A NUCLAR
POWER PLANT NEAR KARACHI, THE PRIME MINISTER (THEN PRESIDENT)
OF PAKISTAN, MR ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, STATED:
" PAKIST TAN BELIEVES IN USING ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL
PURPOSES AND AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS. WE
HAVE PLACED OUR NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL
SAFEGUARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. WE
WOULD LIKE TO SEE OTHER COUNTRIES IN OUR REGION DO THE SAME.
THE MOST MENACING PROBLEM IN THE SUBCONTINENT OF SOUTH ASIA
IS THAT OF POVERTY AND MISERY OF ITS PEOPLE. FOR OUR PEOPLE
ATOMIC ENERGY SHOULD BECOME A SYMBOL OF HOPE RATHER THAN
FEAR. FOR THIS REASON WE WOULD WELCOME IT IF THE ENTIRE
SUBCONTINENT, BY THE AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED,
COULD BE DECLARED A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE AND THE INTRODUCTION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS BANNED."
3. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN CONSIDERS IT IMPERATIVE, ESPEC-
IALLY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, THAT THE REGION OF
SOUTH ASIA BE DECLARED A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE.
4. ALL THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA HAVE ALREADY PROCLAIMED
THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR
TO THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS INTO THE REGION. THIS
COMMON DENOMINATOR CAN FORM THE BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT
ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE FOR THIS REGION.
5. A MODEL FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT EXISTS IN THE TREATY
OF TLATELOLCO. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT, BESIDES CONTAINING
AN UNEQUIVOCAL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE LATIN AMERICAN
STATES NOT TO ACQUIRE OR MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEPONS, THE
TREATY ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF "EXPLOSION OF
NUCLEAR DVICES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES", ON CONDITION THAT SUCH
EXPLOSIONS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR IND-
EPENDENT VERIFICATION, TO ENSURE AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. FURTHERMORE, THE TREATY OF TLATELOCO
CALLS UPON THE NUCLEAR-WEAPONS STATES NOT TO INTRODUCE NUCLEAR
WEAPONS INTO LATIN AMERICA NOR USE OR THREATEN THE USE
OF SUCH WEAPONS AGAINST THE REGIONAL STATES, PARTIES TO THE TREATY.
6. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SIMILAR REGIME OF SECURITY FOR SOUTH ASIA
TO ENSURE AGAINST THE PRLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
HAS BECOME NECESSARY AND URGENT.
7. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HOPES THAT THE STATES
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MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WILL UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPT THE
CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM AT THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENER-
AL ASSEMBLY. THE DECLARATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE
ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA, AS OUTLINED ABOVE, WOULD JELP TO STREN-
GTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND PROMOTE
STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGION."

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